Summary of the
Meeting of the Academic Senate, CSU
May 6-7, 2004

1. Chair’s Report:

(The complete text of the Chair’s Report may be found at:
http://www.calstate.edu/AcadSen/E-Senator/Chairs_Reports/may04_Chair_report.pdf)

2. Chancellor Charles Reed

Even though the budget has declined 22% in three years, the CSU had tried to protect personnel. There are monthly meetings with the Presidents to ensure that this goal is attained.

The state administration is new, and it is both learning and changing day by day.

CSU’s enrollment decline has grabbed the attention of the Governor as well as of the Legislature. The CSU is talking about authentic access: we should not admit students for whom we cannot provide classes and services.

In 2004-2005, the Governor must cut $11 Billion from the budget; this translates into about $240 million for the CSU.

For 2005-2006, the state will have used up its accounting tricks and spent the $16 billion bond; it will still have a $7 billion structural deficit.

Higher Education is #2 on ALL lists. Further, last year the Legislature removed an extra $84.5 million in the last days of budget negotiations.

The Department of Finance is unhappy with the CSU for reducing enrollment. However, the Governor is making many decisions himself and he will decide on the cuts and fees.

The CSU would like a compact with the Governor. This would ensure that the Governor’s budget in January has a negotiated floor to which the legislature could add funds—provided the Governor doesn’t veto the legislature’s additions.

It is possible that there will be a tax increase next year, which is not an election year. Almost certainly there will be no tax increase in this (election) year.
3. **CFA President John Travis**

**Save the CSU Coalition**

There are 1100 partners ranging from large businesses to friends and alumni.

Budget politics: 14 Senate votes can stop business. We need legislative support for our budget. We need to get this message to the Governor.

The May Revise will be out May 13th. We are asking our partners to communicate the CSU’s needs to the Governor, the Department of Finance, and the Legislature.

**Master Plan**

Does California understand the Master Plan? It would appear that we have lost sight of the relationship of higher education to the State.

**SB 1335**

CFA is watching SB 1335, as is the AAUP. It poses a threat to academic freedom.

**AB 2339**

CFA sponsored this bill which would allow designees to attend Board Meetings and would prohibit the CSU and UC from having Board/Regents’ meetings at the same time.

4. **CSSA Liaison Manolo Platin**

Well, I can’t believe this year is coming to a close so quickly. It seems not long ago that I attended my first Senate meeting in September. This has been a great year for the CSSA, of course considering the budget.

Last month at SFSU, the CSU ASI Presidents conducted our annual student trustee interviews. We had a tough choice with many qualified candidates, but we did manage to cut the field to four finalists. Here they are in alphabetical order:

- David Abella, San Francisco State University
- Jesse Cerda, Cal Poly Pomona
- Adam Dondro, CSU Chico
- Corey Jackson, CSU San Bernardino

The Long Term Student Fee policy continues to be of critical importance to the CSSA. Negotiations with the Chancellor’s Office have left our organization with certain tough choices. The CSSA maintains our position that students of California should not pay more than 25% of the total cost of education, that fee increases should be capped at no more than 8% a year, and with a ramp up time of 10 years.

The Excess Unit Initiative is another issue that the CSSA is trying to work on to the benefit and protection of students. We believe that any financial penalties designed to influence student behavior are reprehensible and should not happen.
Sustainability will be debated (finally) at the May Board of Trustees meetings, and we have kicked off a phone call campaign aimed at the Chancellor to develop a real sustainability policy with some teeth.

The CSSA has officially joined CFA’s Save the CSU campaign and participated in the Los Angeles rally. Thanks to CFA!

In addition, CSSA has joined UCSA’s Keep California’s Promise campaign, and we have helped plan a day of action on May 18th, that will include a lobby day in Sacramento and a rally in LA.

The CSSA will meet at Cal Poly Pomona next weekend where we will debate several very important issues:

1. President of the Year will be decided upon
2. Student Bill of Rights (nothing to do with SB 1335)
3. Update our position on legislative bills
4. Discussion with our Chancellor’s Office Liaison about the nature of campus-based fee referendums
5. Discussion on Intra-CSU transfer policies

At this point more than 18 of 23 ASI elections have happened and we have begun our transition period. This will include CSSA elections in June at Sonoma State and will culminate with our official transition meeting in July at the Chancellor’s Office.

I want to thank the entire Senate for their collegiality this year, I learned a great deal. Specifically Trustee Kaiser continues to be an inspiration for students, and of course Chair Cherny has been an awesome ambassador to the student organization, and we would love to continue the relationship between CSSA and ASCSU that we have developed this year.

5. Executive Vice Chancellor David Spence

Executive Vice Chancellor Spence introduced Keith Boyum, the newly-appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. He also paid tribute to Lori Roth and the other Assistant Vice Chancellors for taking up the slack after Gary Hammerstrom’s retirement.

Vice Chancellor Spence thanked the Senate for its efforts in Core Alignment, the Early Assessment Program and Facilitating Graduation.

6. Trustee Shailesh Mehta

Trustee Mehta discussed the budget problems that are affecting both governments and universities across the nation. There is an underlying trend to fall behind in physical plant investment as well as in faculty compensation.

We need to increase our funding, and we need a long-term fee policy.

There are three problems/myths that need exploration:

*The Personnel Committee is working on Faculty compensation
*We need to stress quality above quantity, but this may be a greater issue in the schools than in the University.

*We need to understand that more money is not the only solution. Ingenuity and hard work must also be included if we are to solve the problems of higher education.

7. **Resolutions Adopted**

A. **Academic Senate CSU Calendar of 2004-2005 Meetings**

This resolution establishes the ASCSU Calendar based on the Board of Trustees’ calendar.

B. **Support for Systemwide Core/Campus Specific Transfer Pattern by Degree Program in the California State University**

This resolution provides for the development and implementation of a systemwide transfer pattern by degree program.

C. **Definition of Sanctionable Units and Recommendations and Guidelines for Facilitation of Progress to the Degree**

This resolution defines units over and above the minimum requirements for a major that could trigger an assessment of the full cost of instruction.

D. **Recommending Allocation of Graduate Fee Differentials to Graduate Programs and Creation of an Exemption to the Differential for Graduate Assistants and Graduate Teaching Associates**

This resolution recommends that the proceeds derived from a fee differential paid by graduate students be allocated to the programs in which those students are enrolled.

E. **Principles for Reaching Consensus on Regional and Statewide Program Alignments in the California State University**

This resolution outlines the principles and procedures to be used in arriving at program alignments on a systemwide basis.

F. **Academic Freedom and Free Speech Rights**

This resolution encourages all campuses to review and revise their policies to ensure that the basis principles underlying academic freedom protected on all campuses.

G. **Maintaining Quality in Credit Classes Taught in the Extended University**

This resolution calls on campuses offering summer or extension credit-bearing courses to charge fees sufficient to offer a program comparable to that offered with state support.
H. Response to SB 1785 (Scott and Alpert): Public postsecondary education: dual admissions program

This resolution outlines the position of the ASCSU on SB 1785.

I. Recommendations on the Report from Task Force on Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Education in the California State University

This resolution endorses the principles and recommendations of the Task Force on Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Education, urges the Chancellor’s Office and the Senate to define a plan of action based on the report, and urges campuses to retain autonomy in their graduate degree programs based on the report’s recommendations.

J. CSU Administrative Search Committee Principles

This resolution establishes principles for faculty participation in search committees for systemwide administrative positions.

K. Budget Priorities for Academic Year 2005-2006

This resolution establishes the ASCSU’s priorities for the 2005-2006 budget cycle.

L. Supporting ACR 193

This resolution expresses the support of the ASCSU for ACR 193 introduces by Senator Scott and Assembly Member Liu.

M. Resolution Honoring Diane Cummins, first recipient of the Distinguished Legislative Staff Award

This resolution honors CSU Sacramento alumni Diane Cummins as the first recipient of the Distinguished Legislative Staff Award.

N. Commendation for the Honorable Deirdre Alpert

This resolution recognizes Senator Alpert for her many years of service in the Legislature.

O. Commendation for the Honorable John Vasconcellos

This resolution recognizes Senator Vasconcellos for his many years of service in the Legislature.

P. Affirmation of Principles of Collegial Behavior

This resolution affirms the principles of collegial behavior in the academy.
Q. Endorsing the AAUP Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure

This resolution endorses the AAUP Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

R. Financing the Master Plan for Higher Education

This resolution asks the citizens of California and their elected leaders to reaffirm and support the Master Plan for Higher Education.

S. In Support of AB 2860

This resolution supports AB 2860 (Pavley) that supports the Early Assessment Program of the CSU.

T. Commendation for Sue Robb

This resolution expresses the ASCSU’s commendation for Sue Robb for her assistance to TEKR.